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Commission gives Coffee County BOE go ahead on special tax renewal election

by Marvin McLwain
Editor

Once again, a special election for the purpose of renewing the 5 mill property tax for county schools was on the Coffee County Commission's meeting agenda.

In Monday's meeting, Superintendent Clayton Bryant requested that a special election be held on Tuesday, April 13, for the purpose of allowing the people to vote on whether or not to renew the tax.

The commission voted unanimously to allow the referendum to be held on the date requested by the Coffee County Board of Education.

The property tax generates approximately \$225,000 to be used by county schools. Only those property owners outside the corporate city limits of Elba and Enterprise pay the property tax that will be voted on; therefore, only those individuals will be voting on the tax renewal.

The tax has been being collected for the past 20 years. Should the tax be renewed, it will be in place for the next 21 years.

Two weeks ago, the commission by a vote of 4 to 3, gave its approval for the referendum to be held, but later in the meeting, after educators had left, Commissioner Sid Averett asked that the commission reconsider its decision.

The commission rescinded its approval for the referendum when Commissioner Ernest Brooks changed his vote and voted not to allow the special election on April 13. Commissioner Averett made it clear in Monday's meeting that commission members were not against

the tax, as some may have thought after the action taken by the commission two weeks ago.

Averett had hoped that the tax referendum could be voted on along with the courthouse referendum should it be approved by the State Legislature.

The county school board did not want the 5 mill property tax renewal voted on in conjunction with the courthouse question for fear it might fail.

Averett stated that possibly the courthouse referendum is still some time off before it will be held and agreed that the school tax should not be postponed.

Superintendent Bryant left Monday's meeting feeling much better about the situation. He can foresee no problem in having everything ready to go on April 13th.

The school board's task now is in getting the voters to understand that what will be voted on is not a new tax but simply the renewal of one already in place.

A county citizen, Tony Alcari, addressing the commission told them that "We want education. A courthouse is for people that go in there and may not come out, but education, they go in and they come out for a better job. We need education!"

On a more pleasurable note, Louis Cardinal came before the commission with a proposition which would save the county approximately \$94,000.00.

Cardinal discussed with the commission the possibility of recalling the \$2.5 million jail bonds and resuing them.

He told commissioners that with the present rate of interest being low-

er than when the bonds were initially issued, the county realized an estimated savings of \$94,000 over the life of the bonds.

After a question and answer exchange between Cardinal and commissioners, commission members told him that they would like to think about his proposal before taking any action on the matter.

Cardinal's firm handled the issuing of the bonds which funded the building of the new county jail in New Brockton.

John Flowers, maintenance supervisor for the county, up-dated the commission on the Department of Human Resources building repair, and the recent inspection of county voting housing.

According to Flowers, the repair of the DHR building should be completed in approximately 2 to 3 weeks.

He reported that the inspection on the rural water projects was now complete and that the final inspection was held last Friday, March 5.

Commissioners were told by Flowers that in a recent inspection of the county's 31 voting places, 23 of them failed. The inspection was performed in conjunction with the Accessibility Act passed by the U.S. Congress.

A brief discussion erupted when Commissioner Averett questioned the necessity of all the present voting houses. He suggested to the commission that some of the voting places be consolidated thus eliminating the expense of up-keep.

Commissioner Wendell Black stated, "Individuals living in rural areas pay just as much tax per dollar as citizens living in the towns."

Voting is the one right they have and easy accessibility is the one thing they need. I'm opposed to closing



VIEW OF HWY. 84 CONSTRUCTION LOOKING EAST FROM REESE AVE.



VIEW OF HWY. 84 CONSTRUCTION AS VIEWED WESTWARD FROM DAVIS ST. CONSTRUCTION TEMPORARILY HALTED...on the rerouting of U. S. Highway 84 through Elba while contractor brings in special equipment to remove "sugar sand" material which is common in Elba.

Coffee County BOE holds record meeting in length

by Marvin McLwain
Editor

According to those present at the Coffee County School Board of Education's meeting Monday evening, board members conducted their business and adjourned in a record thirty-one minutes.

The Board moved quickly and smoothly through its agenda which consisted of nine items.

During the meeting, Superintendent Clayton Bryant gave the board members some good news. He told them that earlier in the day, the Coffee County Commission gave its approval to hold the referendum on the renewal of the 5 mill special property tax.

The special election will be held on Tuesday, April 13. Bryant told board members that a campaign to educate the voters as to just what the renewal of the tax means to the county's school system will begin in the very near future.

The property tax generates approximately \$225,000.00 to be used in the education of the county's youth.

In personnel matters, the board gave its approval in the hiring of an elementary teacher, a part-time instructional aide and a Chapter 1 aide for the New Brockton Elementary School. Board members were also advised that Coach Terry Weeks had resigned as head basketball coach at Kinross High School. He will become a full-time counselor in the Kinross Elementary School.

Bryant also asked the board's permission to advertise for a replacement for Coach Weeks as basketball coach.

The board members were briefed on planned construction to take place during the summer months at county schools.

Plans call for the renovation of the Zion Chapel Cafeteria which will include a new roof. Bryant noted that the roof will be a pitched roof and not a flat.

The science rooms at Zion Chapel will also be renovated and will be

utilized as a new school library. New science rooms and labs were included in a new facility constructed two years ago at Zion Chapel.

Plans also call for the renovation of the auditorium at the New Brockton High School. Bryant noted that the major expense in this project will be the heating and cooling system.

The total cost of the summer construction projects is estimated to be \$150,000.00.

Approval was given to Bryant to proceed with preparing the plans and

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Elba City School Board members pay bills & hear mostly good news

by Ferrin Cox
Publisher

The Elba City School Board members met Thursday evening, paid the regular bills and heard Superintendent Charles Pearce give them mostly good news for the balance of the meeting.

The construction of the new school park will be officially completed by May 20th, Pearce quoted the contractor as predicting. This will include correction of problems and all landscaping work.

The construction bank accounts will be left with a \$69,671.00 balance to handle unknown problems which may arise and no outstanding

debts after completing the \$14,802,247.00 project. This was made possible by using federal disaster funds to supplement local funds and a bond issue approved by the Alabama Legislature. Also helpful was a special \$300,000 appropriation to the Elba schools Representative Jimmy Holley and Senator Crum Foshee managed to shepherd through the legislature last year.

These funds are in addition to a healthy general fund bank balance which weathered prostration and the many expenses of the 1990 disaster through hard work and a lot of help

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BE A FRIEND...to the Elba Public Library. Mayor Ricky Haywood joins the Elba Library Board in encouraging individual to contribute \$10.00 or more, and become a friend of the Elba Public Library. The contributions will be used to fund projects sponsored by the Library. Mayor Haywood signed up on the day open house was held for the new facility.

Elba High School one step closer to having alternative school

by Ferrin Cox
Publisher

The Elba City Schools are moving closer and closer to establishing an alternative school in the high school. Superintendent Charles Pearce reported to board members last week that the guidelines have been presented to Juvenile Judge Tom Head. Once he completes his review, the plan will be presented to the school board for final approval.

Pearce warned board members it might be necessary to call a special meeting to approve this project.

The alternative school will be housed in an empty room in the high school and will necessitate the hiring of a special teacher. The program is expected to serve an average of 12 students daily.

One time equipment and supplies cost for the project will total an estimated \$6,230, according to a projecting presented to the board. This will include study carrels and chairs for up to 20 students, teacher desk, storage cabinets and modifications to the electrical system allowing connection with the existing PA system.

This program is designed to handle discipline, rather than suspension of the student. Students will spend the entire day in this classroom. Assignments will be kept up through coordination with the classroom teacher and closely supervised by the special "monitor."

The project will keep more children in school and off the streets, Pearce explained. However it will work only if there is cooperation between teachers and the program and secondly if there is a strong person in place as supervisor of the assigned students.

The Elba Police Department received a call on Wednesday, March 3, that a residence located on Hickman Avenue in Elba had been struck by gunfire.

Upon arrival at the residence, police officers discovered that a mobile home belonging to Robert Duncan had been struck by several bullets.

According to several witnesses, numerous shots were heard in the trailer court around 8:30 p.m. The

mobile home is parked in the Little Beaver Trailer Court and reportedly was occupied at the time of the incident.

According to Investigator Patrick Norris of the Elba Police Department, an investigation into the matter led to the apprehension of four (4) juveniles in the case.

The juveniles were picked up on Friday, March 5, and transported to a detention center in Baldwin County.

All the juveniles involved in the incident are from Elba and are being held on charges of discharging a fire-

arm into an occupied dwelling.

According to official sources, the District Court is being petitioned by the District Attorney's Office to certify the youths involved as adults.

If the DA's Office petition is granted by the courts, the youths will be charged with the Class B felony and will stand trial as an adult.

Should the court deny the petition, the action by the youths will be treated as an act of juvenile delinquency.

The hearing on the petition should be held in the very near future, but the proceedings will be closed to the public since the accused are juveniles.

HAPPENINGS

OFF-BROADWAY PLAY. The Coffee County Arts Alliance is sponsoring the stage production of "Steel Magnolias" on Tuesday, March 16, 1993, in the Elba High School auditorium. The performance will begin at 7:30 p.m. Advanced tickets may be purchased at The Jewel Box in Elba and will also be available at the door on the night of the performance.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING. The Elba City Council meeting will be held on Thursday (today) immediately following the W&E Board meeting which begins at 5:15 p.m. The meetings will be held in the council chamber at city hall.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK. Next week, March 15 through March 19, the local library will be celebrating National Library Week. During this week, anyone having an overdue book may return it without having to pay a penalty.

NEW BROCKTON BAND DAY. The New Brockton Band Day Spring Festival will be held at the Farm Center Building on Saturday, March 20, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. For more information call Linda Creel or Angela Hughes at 894-6138 or 894-5596.

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BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

The lawsuit Mayor Ricky Haywood filed in late December against the Elba Water & Electric Board hasn't been tried, dropped or whatever. It has, however, been amended. The suit now challenges the right of any city council member to serve on that board. We have no problem with that idea - the hospital board, school board, housing authority board, all manage without council members, and we are sure the W & E board could also. But there is a difference in day-to-day operations. The utility serves as the right arm of the city. If city hall needs a roll of scotch tape or another computer - let the W & E buy it, it is often the decision. Also several (a bunch) of the city employees are "hitting." In other words they draw pay from the city one pay day and the utility the next pay day. One utility employee is working full time on what could only be classified as a "city job." A completely separate board might not want to continue this practice, nor the practice of transferring many thousands of dollars to the city's general fund whenever they need it. We can live with either procedure, whichever they decide. But we now wonder aloud why the mayor felt the need for the lawsuit. The procedure has been in force many years and has passed the eagle eyes of expensive bond attorneys paid to insure millions of dollars of borrowed money is repaid. It has worked well - we thought. Normally, a mayor would discuss such matters with council members and say, "Hey, I don't think it is legal for council members to serve on the utility board, join me in correcting this before we are declared in default on all those hundreds of thousands of dollars we owe or get in trouble with the Alabama Attorney General or the Ethics Commission." No council member admits to us this ever happened. If Haywood is trying to "get" the council members on the utility board for removing him as Superintendent - heck they don't get any pay for serving anyway, only the problems. He will not get to make the appointments himself replacing the councilmen on the board if his lawsuit happened to be correct - the council members each would have a vote on that action. Why was it done, we don't know, this is too deep for our little of brain. We must also admit not having asked. Hang in there, the next round will start soon.

The absence of any reports in this newspaper on the happenings at city hall doesn't mean things have settled down - they aren't. Probably the most pressing thing right now is the demands from the liability insurance company that former police chief Freddie Hanchey be given the required hearing on his dismissal. At last reports, the hearing still hasn't been scheduled. The tone of the letter from the insurance carrier was that it should be done immediately, but that was two weeks ago. Hold on folks, Elba is toying with getting the insurance cancelled for failing to comply with the rules.

The Coffee County Arts Alliance is planning to come to Elba with their next production - next Tuesday night, *Steel Magnolias* will be presented in the new Elba High School Auditorium. This would be a good time to see a quality production of a popular play, support the Arts Alliance and experience the thrill of attending something in "our" nice auditorium.

A prediction was made last week that Coffee County would have a private school within the next few years. We disagree. In our opinion, interested citizens are going to get involved with educators in all area schools. This involvement will create work for teachers, but the excitement of having support and seeing the positive results will make these teachers "thrill to the chase." They will see their efforts in the classroom paying off as adults and children give more support to the process.

We have been in meetings from the Gulf in the South to Huntsville in the North, in just the past year, where people from all walks of life are working on ways to bolster the community involvement and support of an improved education process.



by Robert Harling
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ELBA POLICE REPORT

The Elba Police Department, beginning Tuesday, March 2, 1993, investigated the following incidents: six thefts, one property damage, one harassing communication, one charging of a firearm into an occupied dwelling, two DUIs, one harassment, one theft by deception, one public intoxication, and one gunshot.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: one for driving while license was suspended, one for driving while driver's license was revoked, and two for DUI. The following arrests were made: one for assault, one for public intoxication, and four for discharging a firearm into an occupied dwelling. Daily activity for the week was as follows:

TUESDAY, MARCH 2 - Disturbance reported on Reynolds St. - possible subject with a gun (8:57 p.m.); Routine activity.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3 - Disturbance on Tucker St. (1:45 a.m.); Disturbance reported near Reynolds' Cabinet Shop (2:17 a.m.); Rescue run to residence on Neil Grantham Dr. (2:58 a.m.); Rescue run to residence on Stroed St. (8:42 a.m.); Rescue run to residence on Old Curtis Rd. (9:07 a.m.).

THURSDAY, MARCH 4 - Fire trucks dispatched to bomb threat at Southland Brothers (4:15 a.m.); Rescue units dispatched to bomb threat at Southland Brothers (4:37 a.m.); Rescue run to residence on Caroline St. (4:49 p.m.).

FRIDAY, MARCH 5 - Rescue run to Louie's Grocery at the intersection of Elba Hwy. 875 and AL Hwy. 134W (5:16 p.m.); Rescue run on Troy Hwy. (7:12 p.m.); Routine activity.

SATURDAY, MARCH 6 - Alarm at residence on N. Clayton Ave. (8:00 a.m.); Rescue run to residence on Troy Hwy. (10:29 a.m.); Disturbance on West St. (11:43 a.m.); Rescue run from Elba General Hospital to Dothan (12:05 p.m.); Prowler reported on Taylor Mill Rd. (1:54 p.m.); Shots fired near Mulberry County Park (10:06 p.m.).

SUNDAY, MARCH 7 - Disturbance reported on Larkin Rd. (12:37 a.m.); Vehicle burglary at Kleiner's (1:06 p.m.); Routine activity.

MONDAY, MARCH 8 - Firetrucks dispatched to Morrow Village (12:30 a.m.); Rescue run to residence on Co. Rd. 7 (1:40 a.m.); Rescue run to residence on U. S. Hwy. 84E (8:26 a.m.); Rescue run to residence on Stonemine (10:12 a.m.); Minor wreck in Big Bear parking lot (10:48 a.m.); Minor wreck at Post Office (11:29 a.m.).

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL PRESS RELEASE

Elba General Hospital had the following persons admitted during the time period of March 2, 1993 through March 8, 1993:

They were: Lindy Baer, Carol Chance, Samuel McWaters, Zellion Wicker, Albert Grimes, Ida Munk, Wallace Hardy, Mable Harrison, Willie Wilson, Lucy Wise, Emma Magwood, Ola Stroud, Patty Christmas, Florence Arnette, James Smith, Jacob Forbes, William Fowler, and Melissa Jones.

Those discharged during the same period of time were: Betty Johnson, Carolyn Dean, Pearl Taylor, Tyrone Crawford, Jimmy Thigpen, Jackie Hall, Rosa Coon, Gerald Bowden, Eula Goodson, Carol Chance, Zellion Wicker, Samuel McWaters, Willie Wilson, Lindy Baer, Patty Christmas, Mable Harrison, Lucy Wise, and Wallace Hardy.

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AREA DEATHS

J. C. POPE

J. C. Pope, age 81 of Elba, Alabama, died Wednesday, March 3, 1993 in an Enterprise, AL hospital. Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, March 4, 1993 from the Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Ken English and Rev. Seaborn Wooten officiating.

Burial followed in the Woodland Grove Cemetery, Elba, AL, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include five daughters, Julia Brooks, Linda Smith, and Elvaine Price, all of Elba, AL; Mary E. Dewese of Phenix City, AL; and Peggy Allen of Salem, AL; three sons, Wyndol Newman and Larry D. Pope, both of Elba, AL and Jerry D. Pope of Jack, AL; three sisters, Stacy Plant of Saraland, AL, Clyde Maddox of New Brockton, AL, and James Boswell of Montgomery, AL; two sisters, Marianne Andrews of Montgomery, AL and Danette Prescott of Ft. Walton Beach, Florida; one brother, Foy Bowdoin of Lumberton, North Carolina; two grandsons, Brannon and Blake Boswell, both of Montgomery, AL.

EZEKIEL HARRIS

Ezekiel Harris, age 76 of New Brockton, Alabama, died Monday, March 1, 1993 at his home.

Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba, AL with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include two daughters, Florence Cole of Connecticut and Minnie Lee Harris of Far Rockaway, New York; three sisters, Carrie L. Reynolds of New Brockton, AL; Minnie Pearl Harris and Irene Nicholson, both of Far Rockaway, NY; two brothers, James Harris and Tom Harris, both of New Brockton, AL.

VESTA LENE GRIFFIN

Vesta Lene Griffin, age 77 of Elba, Alabama, died Tuesday, March 2, 1993 in a Dothan, AL hospital.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, March 4, 1993 from the Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Elder James Donaldson officiating.

Burial followed in the Danley Cross Roads Cemetery, Elba, AL, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include her husband, Eugene Cleo Griffin of Elba, AL; one daughter, Sue King of Elba, AL; four sons, Tom Griffin of Olympia, Washington, Troy Griffin of Baker, Florida, Harvey Griffin of Enterprise, AL and Jerry Griffin of Dothan, AL; two sisters, Ruby Booth and Hazel Capps, both of Elba, AL; 4 grandchildren; 3 great grandchildren.

LUCILE LINDSEY RIDEAUX

Lucile Lindsey Rideaux, age 63 of Elba, Alabama, died Wednesday, March 3, 1993 in a local hospital.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, March 6, 1993 from Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church, Elba, AL, with Rev. A. R. Williams officiating.

Burial followed in Shady Grove AME Cemetery, Elba, AL, with Virgil Coleman Mortuary of Elba directing.

She was the daughter of the late Tillman and Nettie R. Lindsey of Elba, AL. She was a member of Rocky Head MB Church, Elba, a Senior Choir Member and taught a Young Adult Sunday School Class for a number of years. She was a

MAKING OURSELVES CLEARER
In the Letters to the Editor column two weeks ago the letter about the warm hospitality of Elba and appreciation to the Athletic Club, the signature was crossed out.

Last week in an attempt to correct the error, we again used the wrong last name.

The letter was written by Teresa Rhodes Rowell, 706 Burton Ave., Ft. Walton Beach, FL 32547.

We regret the errors and any confusion the mistake might have caused our readers.

The Elba Clipper wants to correct errors that appear in this newspaper. Any reader wishing to point out an error, whether ours or those of our sources, should contact the editor at 897-2823. Clarifications will appear promptly in this space.

1957 graduate of Alabama State University and taught school in the Coffee County School System until she retired some years ago.

Survivors include her husband, Eileen Rideaux, Jr. of Elba, AL; one son, Roderick Rideaux of Elba, AL; one daughter, Marlar Rideaux of Albany, New York; one granddaughter, Kimberly Rideaux of Andalusia, AL; two sisters, Vera M. Lindsey Williams (C. W.) and Eria M. Lindsey Belcher (Grover) both of Elba, AL; two aunts, Ida Phillips and Vick E. Lindsey, both of Stuart, Florida; two sisters-in-law and three brothers-in-law, all of Galveston and Beaumont, Texas; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba, AL, with Hammond Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law, Margaret C. and Gaynes C. Waters of Elba, AL; two grandchildren, Gloria Trotman and husband, Michael, of Wheaton, Maryland and Gladys Gordon and husband, Gregory, of Washington, DC; four great grandchildren, Gayna Smith of Hampton, Virginia, Chris Trotman of Keesler Air Force Base, Biloxi, Mississippi, Pernel Smith and Andria Trotman, both of Wheaton, MD; and other relatives and friends.

WAYNE BOSWELL

Wayne Boswell, age 66 of Montgomery, Alabama, died Thursday, March 4, 1993 in a Montgomery, AL hospital.

Mr. Boswell was formally a resident of Elba and Coffee County.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, March 6, 1993 from the Hayes Funeral Home Chapel.

Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba, AL with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include her husband, James Boswell of Montgomery, AL; one son and daughter-in-law, Keith and Delicia Boswell of Montgomery, AL; two sisters, Marianne Andrews of Montgomery, AL and Danette Prescott of Ft. Walton Beach, Florida; one brother, Foy Bowdoin of Lumberton, North Carolina; two grandsons, Brannon and Blake Boswell, both of Montgomery, AL.

ROBERT FOX LAMBERT

Robert Fox Lambert, age 76 of Montgomery, Alabama, died Thursday, March 4, 1993 in his home.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, March 6, 1993 from the Hebron Baptist Church with Rev. Dexter Ryan officiating.

Burial followed in the Hebron Cemetery with Dillard Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife, Edith Elspaso Bragg Lambert of Montgomery, AL; two daughters, Foxene Lambert Everette of Charleston, South Carolina and Melba Lambert Taylor of Montgomery, AL; one son, Jack William Lambert of Montgomery, AL; two brothers, Dooley Darwin Lambert of Troy, AL and Bud Lambert of Las Vegas, Nevada;

Survivors include two daughters, Emma Jean Dyess of Lantz, AL and Irene Kelley of Elba, AL; a son, Ronnie Shiver of Brundidge, AL; five grandchildren; four great grandchildren.

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Coffee County Arts Alliance To Present The Play "Steel Magnolias" In Elba

Continuing the 19th season of the Coffee County Arts Alliance will be the stage production STEEL MAGNOLIAS on March 16, 1993. A successful off-Broadway play before it was made into a movie starring Shirley McLaine and Julia Roberts, STEEL MAGNOLIAS brings it's quirky lovable southern ladies to Coffee County. Hair spray and gossip abound in Truay's beauty salon in Chinquapin, Louisiana, where all the ladies who are "anybody" come to have their hair done. The play quickly draws the audience into the characters' lives with humor and compassion.

This program will be presented at 7:30 p.m. in the new Elba High School Auditorium. Tickets are available at the door as well as at THE FRAMERY and PLAIN 'N FANCY in Enterprise, THE JEWEL BOX in Elba, and the ITT TRAVEL OFFICE at Fort Rucker. Please join the Wiregrass in welcoming the cast of the Big League Theatre's National Tour of Robert Harling's award-winning comedy, STEEL MAGNOLIAS.

Ann Elizabeth Mashburn Wins 1st Place In "Invent America"

Ann Elizabeth Mashburn, seven year old daughter of Chuck and Carole Nichols, 1993 in her home. She placed in "Invent America" district competition held in Columbus, Georgia on March 6, 1993. "Invent America" is a nationwide contest where young inventors enter their ideas in competition. Ann Elizabeth had won 1st place at her school competition before winning the district competition. She will next enter the state competition in Atlanta later this month. Ann Elizabeth's invention was a "Maxi-Remote", an idea she came up with to keep a remote control attached in a handy place in order not to misplace it.

Ann Elizabeth is a first grader at River Road Elementary School in Columbus.

Her Elba grandparents are Jim and Ann Nichols.

We Get Letters.....

Dear Marvin,

I feel we should all take time out to thank Commissioner Robert Stephens for speaking up for our district and letting those that advocate "kicking Elba on down in the mud" such as Commissioner Sid Averett, that we are out of the flood now. Our town has made much progress in 3 years, for which we are all very thankful.

The flood was something beyond our control. It was the Lord's business and we Christian people understand that and give Him the thanks for bring us all out safe.

The flood has nothing to do with Mr. Averett wanting the courthouse moved to Enterprise, AL. It is just greed from those that do not want Elba to have anything. If Mr. Averett is afraid of the flood waters here, why, may I ask did he support the Senior Day Care in Elba? Just to give his wife a job? Has he thought about that it might flood and she could be in Elba and he in Enterprise. Think about that. It might be a little dangerous. I am proud to say I am in Elba-let's hold on to our county seat.

Thanks again, Mr. Stephens, C. Abercrombie
872 N. Troy Hwy,
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Dear Editor,

The Elba Lions Club would like to thank the entire community for helping to make the annual pancake day a great success on March 6, 1993. Approximately 325 plates were served by the hard working Lions. The proceeds from this event will be used to give sight assistance to local needy citizens.

A special thanks is given to Mrs. Carolyn Stokes for the use of the Senior Citizens Facility; to Doug Holderfield of WZT7 for the "on the spot broadcast" and to other news media (newspaper and radio) who "plugged" this event to their listening and reading public; and to those businesses who donated food and supplies as well as monetary donations.

The Elba Lions club is a civic organization that meets each 2nd and 4th Tuesday night at the Senior Citizens Building at 6:30. Anyone who might be interested in becoming a member of this organization is invited to contact any local Lion member.

The Elba Baptist church was built on the location of the present Elba Clipper building. It faced east on North Court. At most churches of that era, services were not held full time.

In 1913 a new church was built on the corner of Simmons and Polka.

Share Your Views
Write A Letter To The Editor

Still Time To Register For Spring Quarter At ESJC

There's still time to register for Spring Quarter classes at Enterprise State Junior College. Late registration continues through Monday, March 15, for day classes. Students may register late through Tuesday, March 16, for Tuesday/Thursday evening classes and through Wednesday, March 17, for Monday/Wednesday evening classes. Call the main campus at 393-ESJC or come by the Admissions Office located in the Administration Building for complete details. Persons in the Fort Rucker area may go by the Fort Rucker Office, Bldg. 5008, Room 5 or telephone 598-3438.

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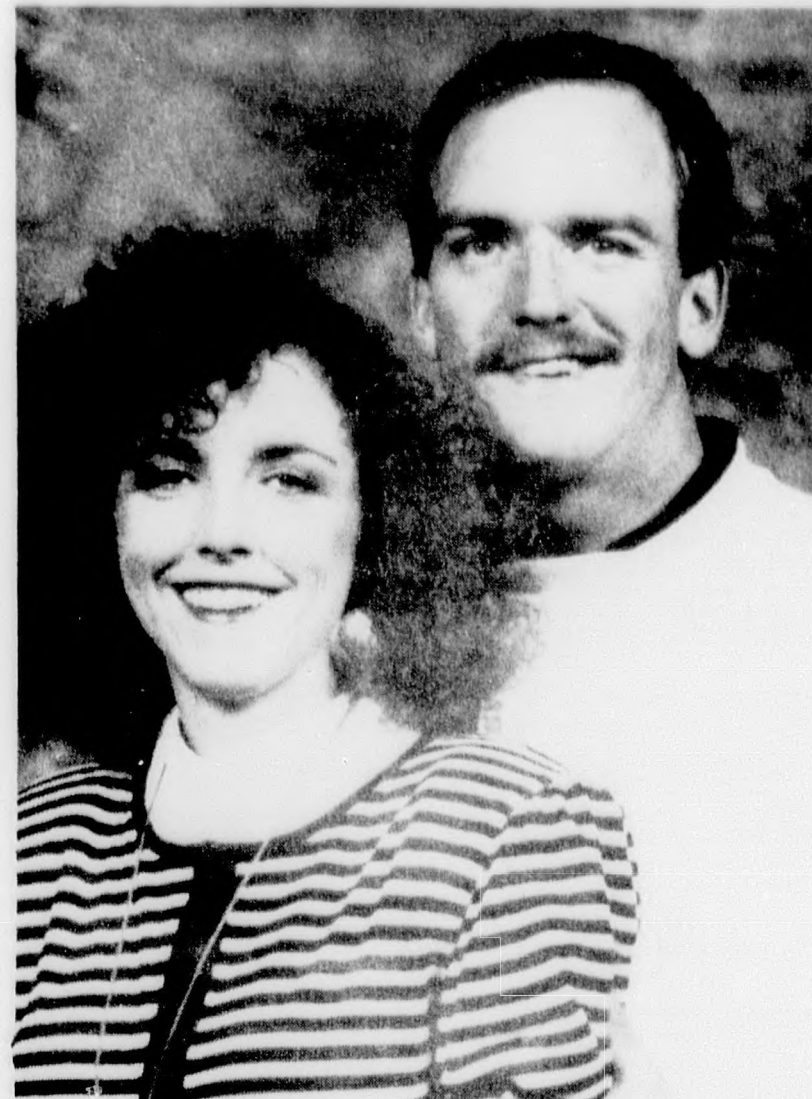
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SOCIAL HAPPENINGS

Harris - Tatom Wedding Planned For Friday, March 26th



Dajana Harris & Thomas Tatom

Mr. and Mrs. John Hudson of Laverne, AL and Mr. and Mrs. John T. Harris of Henderson, AL announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Dajana L. Harris to Thomas R. Tatom, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Meacham of Elba, AL and the late Thomas R. Tatom, Sr., of Elba.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Roy Black of Rutledge, AL and the late Mr. and Mrs. Felix Harris of Henderson, AL.

Mr. Tatom is a 1983 graduate of Elba High School. Since a tour of duty in the U. S. Marine Corp, he has been employed with Elba Wood Products and Elba Pallets in Elba. He is presently attending Lurleen B. Wallace Jr. College.

The future bridegroom is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tatom of New Brockton and the late Mr. and Mrs. Dave Vaughan of Elba.

No formal invitations are being sent. All friends and relatives are cordially invited to attend.

Fuller - Harrell Wedding To Be Held Saturday, March 13th



The Elba Public Library was given the "Yard Of The Month" award by The Azalea Garden Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry C. Fuller request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Julia Katherine (Kathy) Fuller to James Wesley Harrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Royce Harrell, on Saturday, March thirteenth, nineteen hundred and ninety-three, at six-thirty in the evening at Shady Grove Baptist Church, located on Highway 125, Brundidge, Alabama.

A reception will be held immediately following the ceremony.

Tour Of Homes To Be Held In Enterprise

Three homes in Enterprise will be on tour when the Enterprise Garden Club Federation hosts its annual "Spring Tour of Homes" on Sunday, March 21, from 1-5 p.m. A fourth home, the "Charleston House," will also be open for refreshments. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$6 the day of the tour. Tickets and a map may be obtained by calling 347-9010 or 347-1004.

Plans for a Tasting Tea to be held April 29, 1993 at the Elba United Methodist Church - Educational Building from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. was discussed.

Members attending were Mrs. Walter Cox, Mrs. Lloyd Crook, Mrs. Jim Driscoll, Mrs. Robert Holliman, Mrs. Sonny Inman, Mrs. R. H. Lee.

Mr. V. D. McCreary, Mrs. Patrick O'Reilly, president, and Mrs. Virgil Rogers.

Serving punch and other party delicacies were Mrs. Beverly McCall, Mrs. Lori McDonald, and Mrs. Millie McCollough.

The breakfast room table was tastefully set with the honoree's choice of china, and held a crystal bowl of decorative wooden fruits and vegetables.

The impressive array of silver and

crystal was displayed in the den, and the other party rooms held the many linens and useful kitchen items.

Special out of town guests included Tiffany's aunts, Mrs. Katherine Barnett of Thorshy; Mrs. Eva Nelle Huey of Birmingham; Mrs. Ann Luckey and Mrs. Avis Huey of Lawley.

The hostesses presented the honoree a white orchid corsage and a gift of china.

Assisting with Mrs. Wright as hostesses were Mrs. Henry Clark, Mrs. Pete Dorsey, Mrs. Josh Tatum, Mrs. Sam Sawyer, Mrs. A. O. McCall, Mrs. Mike Waddell, Mrs. Tommy Morrow, Mrs. James Badley, Mrs. Lister Brunson, Mrs. Fern Cox, Mrs. D. M. English, Mrs. Edwin Cooper, Mrs. Bonneau Rowe, Mrs. J. E. Tucker, and Mrs. Mae Moore.

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Miss Clark To Wed Mr. Logan On Saturday March 13th

Mr. and Mrs. Henry D. Clark request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Lori Patricia to Mr. Robert Horace Logan Jr., on Saturday, the thirteenth of March, nineteen hundred and ninety-three at four o'clock the afternoon at the Elba First Baptist Church in Elba.

A reception will follow the ceremony in the Church Fellowship Hall.

Miss Phillips To Wed Mr. Ford March 12th

Linda G. Phillips of Jack, Alabama would like to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of her daughter, Miss Leslie Gale Phillips to Mr. Kirby Wayne Ford of Elba, Alabama. Kirby is the son of Betty J. Russgrove of Elba, Alabama and Daniel Ford of Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The ceremony will take place at Hebrew Church on March 12, 1993 at 5:00 p.m., reception will follow. All family and friends are invited to attend.

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John Coffee DAR To Meet

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Miss Tiffany Harper Entertained With

Miscellaneous Bridal Shower

Miss Tiffany Harper, bride-elect of Mr. Stephen Robert Blount, was honored with a Miscellaneous Shower, Sunday afternoon, February 28, in the lovely home of Mrs. J. V. Wright.

The home was elegantly decorated for the festive occasion. Pink trailing azaleas were hung under the front portico enhancing the home's pink brick and marble terrace.

The entrance door was appropriately embellished with white wedding bells holding sprays of daphnium, wild astors and iris, and tied with Tiffany's chosen color of royal blue.

Mrs. Wright welcomed the many guests and introduced them to the radiant honoree and her mother, Mrs. John Harper.

Mrs. Terry Spicer presided over the registry table which was overlaid with an elegant white crocheted cloth. An exquisite antique globe lamp complemented the table.

The refreshment table in the dining room was draped in an Army-Navy linen cloth and held an elegant arrangement of iris, daphnium, wild astors, miniature carnations and plumosa fern placed in a large heirloom crystal compote. Fruit punch was served from a crystal punch bowl, and crystal trays and compotes held dainty refreshments.

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Gary and Marty Means To Be In Revival At Victoria Baptist Church

Revival Services Planned At Elba United Methodist Church

Revival services will be held at the Elba United Methodist Church Sunday, March 14 through Wednesday, March 17.

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Following the Sunday evening service, those attending will be invited to gather in the fellowship hall of the church for a time of refreshment.

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Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Melissa turned 10-years-old on Sunday and we had a pizza-birthday party Saturday night to help her celebrate. It seems like just days ago when the doctor came out of the delivery room and said "Mr. Mularz, you've got a baby girl," but I guess it's true that time really does fly when you are having fun. I know the days of rocking her to sleep and carrying her to bed are over. However, if the new memories will be as good as the old, there is still a lot of good times to come. There was a movie years ago named "Stop The World, I Want To Get Off." I don't want it to stop, but it could slow down a little and let Daddy's little girls stay little just a little longer!

TIGER BASKETBALLERS FALL JUST ONE WIN SHORT

The Elba Tigers scared three-time state champion Francis Marion to death last week before suffering two big turnovers in the final twenty-seconds of play that enabled the heavily favored Rams to escape with a 69-67 win, in front of a highly-partisan crowd in Marion.

The Tigers came out a little scared themselves and fell behind 15-2 before they realized what had hit them. It didn't get much better throughout three quarters as Francis Marion would answer every Elba challenge, and with four minutes left in the game it looked hopeless as the Rams were ahead by 18 points. The Tigers refused to quit; however, and staged one of the biggest comebacks in Elba basketball history as the Tigers scored 18 straight points and caught the supposedly unbeatable Rams with less than a minute left on the clock.

Elba had the ball with thirty-seconds on the clock, but lost possession on an offensive foul. Then got the ball back with 15 ticks left on the clock and had a chance to either win it or go into overtime. They say the homecourt advantage is worth points, and Tuesday night it was worth at least two points, as an Elba player looked at one of the clocks and thought it had only 3-seconds left. The clock actually had 9-seconds, but had so many bolls out it was impossible to tell exactly what it said. The Elba player tried a long pass to insure the Tigers got the last shot off, but the ball hit the rafters in the gym, and Francis Marion got the ball back with 9-seconds still left on the clock, and scored at the buzzer to claim the win.

The 18-point run that Elba went on was remarkable, to say the least, and was one of the finest jobs of playing that a Tiger team had ever done. Coach Lane used his time-outs to perfection as he kept time on the clock, the players made smart fouls and fouled players that weren't good free-throw shooters, and the game went just like it was supposed to, until the final seconds. It was one of the most exciting Elba basketball games I've ever seen and congratulate the players and coaches on the comeback, and the fine 17-7 season. It was fun, and I think the best is yet to come!

IT'S NOW BASEBALL TIME FOR ELBA TIGERS

Basketball season ended last week and in high school that can mean only one thing - it's time for another sport to start!

The Tiger baseball team swings into action today (Thursday) on the road against Andalusia and hopes are high in Tigertown today that the '93 Tigers will also make a serious run at a state title. The Tigers have three proven pitchers in Kevin Bryan, a steady hitter in first baseman Lance McCollough, and two of the quickest outfielders around in Josh Caldwell and Vincent Thigpen.

The baseball team has been practicing for a couple of weeks, due to the fact spring football training was backed up until late-April, and the extra time has to pay big dividends for the Tigers. It may take a while for the team to settle in the groove and start looking like a big winner, however, this bunch has always been big winners and may just be the team that makes a real run at Elba's first ever state title in baseball. Let's support them and join in on the fun.

10 & UNDER STARS READY FOR BIG WEEKEND

The Elba Parks and Recreation Department's "10 and Under All-Stars" will travel to Childersburg this weekend for the A.R.P.A. state tournament and may lose it, but it will be a weekend the kids will never forget.

The Stars will be up against teams from cities like Decatur, Huntsville, Birmingham and Mobile, so, the competition will be stiff, to say the least. Elba will be a prohibitive underdog in the tournament and nobody will expect much out of the small town team from south Alabama. However, these kids are going to win and there is no doubt they will represent Elba well and do their best. Good Luck!

MEN'S SOFTBALL MAY BE A THING OF THE PAST

Elba has long been a hot-bed of men's softball in south Alabama and has sent teams across the state that have brought back state titles. All of that may soon be history; however, because after two pre-season meetings only three teams have expressed any desire at all to form a league.

The league began to shrink several years ago and last season had seven teams, but this season the interest seems to have reached an all-time low and right now it looks like men's softball in Elba will be a painless death.

If any teams wish to join the league, they have until next Monday night to do so, and then it might be too late!

Softball tourney set for March 27

The Elba Rescue Squad will sponsor a Men's Class C and Below Softball Tournament on Saturday, March 27, at Hawkins-Williams Park, in Elba.

The entry fee will be \$90 per team, with trophies going to the Top

Sports

Elba falls to Francis Marion in sub-state

Last-second shot trips Tigers 69-67

The Elba Tigers saw an incredible fourth quarter rally fall two-points short last Tuesday night as the Tigers fell to the second-ranked Francis Marion Rams 69-67, in the sub-state finals, at Francis Marion.

The loss left Elba with a final record of 17-7, while Francis Marion advanced to the 3A state tournament with a 28-3 record.

The highly-rated Rams came out ready to bury the visitors from Elba and jumped out to a 12-0 lead with 5:45 left in the opening stanza.

The Tigers finally got on the scoreboard with 5:24 left on an inside jumper by David Yelverton; however, it failed to slow down Francis Marion and with 2:01 remaining in the quarter the Rams owned a lopsided 18-4 advantage.

The Tigers began to settle down late in the quarter and began to get inside the Rams zone defense, but could only match the Rams bucket-for-bucket and still trailed 22-10 after one quarter of play.

Francis Marion pulled back out to a 32-16 lead with 5:38 left in the second quarter and led 34-18 with 5:05 left in the half, but the Tigers suddenly came to life and behind the play of David Yelverton went on a 10-2 run that chopped the deficit to 36-28 with 1:43 still remaining in the stanza.

The Tigers had chances to cut even further into the Rams lead late in the half, but made critical turnovers in the closing minute and at the half went in trailing 40-29.

Two baskets by Aaron Smith and a three-pointer by Dean Belcher cut the Francis Marion lead to 42-36 with 6:14 left in the third quarter and it looked like the Tigers were ready to make a move, only to see the Rams regain command and move out to a big 56-41 lead with :44 left in the stanza.

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The Tigers began to send the Rams to the free-throw line in an attempt to stop the clock, and Francis Marion went stone-cold from the line.

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Banquet honors state champion Tigers



1993 TEAM CAPTAINS...were named at last week's banquet. Named were (l-r) Jamie Brockton, Coach Mack Wood, Joe Donaldson and Bryce Phillips.



HONORED FOR 200TH WIN...Elba's Coach Mack Wood (left) was honored by Playmaker Sporting Goods as Steven Harrelson, manager of Playmaker Sporting Goods, in Enterprise, presented the coach with a plaque to commemorate Wood's 200th career win.



FEATURED SPEAKERS...Elba's Coach Mack Wood and Alabama assistant coach Jeff Rourke were the featured speakers at last week's Elba Football Banquet.

Eagles finish at 8-1 to win New Brockton youth basketball league

The New Brockton Youth Basketball League ended its season last week with the Eagles taking the league title with an 8-1 record.

The Magic finished second with a 6-3 state, followed by the Warriors 4-5 and Bears 0-9.

Following are the highlights of the final two week's action:

EAGLES 40 BEARS 20

The Eagles had an easy time as they whipped the Bears 40-20.

Kellen Cole scored 15 points and Travis Kelley added 13 to lead the Eagles, while other scorers included Chad Moore 6, Adam Green 4, Chad Moore 1 and Austin Harris 1.

Scoring for the Bears were Matt Hickman 10, Lacion Griffin 7 and Charlie Driggers 3.

MAGIC 45 WARRIORS 27

The Magic didn't need any tricks to whip the Warriors 45-27.

Scoring for the Magic were Josh Lewis 19, Robby Kinsaul 12, Pate Harrison 8, Paul McMonagle 4 and Anton Mackey 2.

Scoring for the Warriors were Charlie Driggers 5, Aaron Burns 8, Maurice Jones 6, Jason Caradine 3 and Danny O'Toole 5.

MAGIC 31 BEARS 10

The Magic blasted the Bears 31-10.

Scoring for the Magic were Josh Lewis 3, Robby Kinsaul 13, Matt Windham 3, Ashley Paul 2, Pate Harrison 6 and Anton Mackey 4.

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EAGLES 28 WARRIORS 19

The Eagles closed the season with a 28-19 win over the Warriors.

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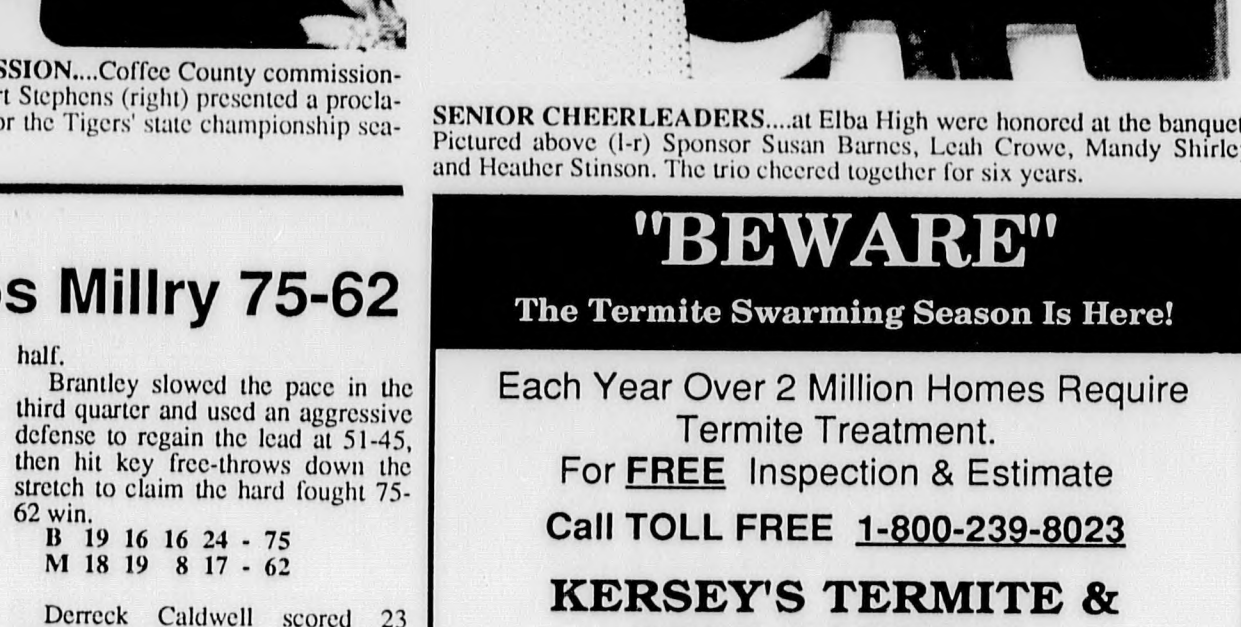
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1993 ELBA TIGER SENIORS...were honored last week at the Elba Football Banquet. Pictured above (l-r) Jason Free, Coach Mack Wood, Phillip Compton, Lance McCollough, Kevin Bryan, Jamie Brockton, Aaron Smith, Joe Donaldson, Bryce Phillips, Julius Peterson and Teddy Bryant.



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Ft. Rucker takes 12 and Under District 8 title

The Ft. Rucker All-Stars claimed the ARPA District 8 "12 and Under" Basketball championship last weekend with a 48-42 win over Ozark.

Troy won the 12-team tournament held in Elba on Feb. 27; however, it was later disqualified for having an ineligible player, forcing the one-game playoff.

Kelley Faulk scored 18 points to lead Ft. Rucker to the title, while Ozark was paced by Derrick Jiles with 22 points and Dusty Smith with 11.

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Old-Timers game set for March 20 in New Brockton

All former basketball players at New Brockton High School are encouraged to return on Saturday, March 20, for the 1st annual "Old Timers Basketball Tournament," to be held at the New Brockton High School gym.

The event will be a double-elimination tournament and officials hope to bring back two teams from the 60's, 70's and 80's, as well as possibly one team from the 50's and one from the 90's.

The tournament is limited to eight teams, and the teams should include only players that participated at New Brockton during the decades listed.

There is no team entry fee, only a \$5 per player fee, which will allow former players to come back the day of the event and join a team from their decade in school. The \$5 fee will also include one free ticket to the tourney.

All proceeds from the tournament will benefit the New Brockton High School athletic department, and for more information alumni should contact Ken English 897-3393, Jimmy Wilkerson 347-4641 or New Brockton High School 894-2350.



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Coffee County Commission Seeking Applications For Weatherization Assistance In County

The Coffee County Commission is seeking applications for Weatherization Assistance in the county. If you have never received this assistance, applications are being taken on Wednesdays at the Enterprise Health Department from 8:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

For every Friday throughout March, applications will be taken at the Elba Senior Citizen's Center

and windows, caulking, attic venting, and new storm windows. In addition to fixed dwellings, mobile homes are weatherized.

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VA NEWS
Montgomery, AL—February 25, 1993—Frank D. Wilkes, Director of the Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs, just returned after attending a conference in Washington, D.C. Mr. Wilkes was approached by the newly appointed Secretary of the Federal Veterans Affairs, the Honorable Jesse Brown. Mr. Brown asked Mr. Wilkes to assist the Federal VA in contacting veterans that participated in secret military tests with mustard gas or who may have been exposed to the gas during both World War I and World War II.

There is a potential for disability payments to veterans who were exposed to mustard gas by way of these secret military tests of mustard gas or other chemical agents. A recent study commissioned by the VA has verified that high exposure to this chemical agent may be linked to a variety of diseases and disabling conditions. We must reach these individuals or their widows to provide them with help that could establish service connection for medical problems or even prior deaths.

Compounding the problems of our outreach effort is the fact that personnel records for these tests were never kept or do not exist. We are counting on the news media, grassroots churches and the youth to bring these individuals to the VA so they can try to remedy the tragedy of their silent sacrifice. We do gratefully acknowledge all of the help we received from the veterans organizations on getting the word out to the veterans along with the tremendous job that the news media does.

For additional information contact Robert Lolley, Coffee County Veterans Service Officer at 894-5858.

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Do you put off the day of calamity, and would you bring near the seat of violence? Those who recline on beds of ivory and sprawl on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the flocks.

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Prayer For Today
Dear Father,
We realize that everyone of us has been touched by the pain of death that hangs heavy above our world today.

We feel good, Father. We've got friends, clothes, food and shelter. But what worries us is these folks who do not feel well. We pray for the old folks, the displaced persons of whatever race, creed or color, those who are lonely, unwanted, friendless, and pensioners who live on a pittance, in drab surroundings.

Yes Father to help the shuffling, homeless men who go alone. Yes God, be kind to the men who go alone.

And the men, women, and even young folks in jails and prisons, paying the penalty of law violations. We pray that your guiding hand will be upon us to guide our feet through the deadly maze we must travel day by day.

We thank you, O Father for your love and grace.

Ms. Mary R. Bell and Mr. Wilford Sullivan of Selma, Alabama, were visitors at the Rocky Head MB Church, Elba, AL, last Sunday. They also visited in the home of Grover and Elba Belcher of Elba.

A Youth Crusade
Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, Enterprise, AL, Rev. Dr. N. L. Robinson, pastor, will hold a Youth Crusade March 27 - 31 and April 3, 1993.

Activities for the week will consist of: Sports Day, March 27 - Coppingville Jr. High School Softball Park, 8:45 a.m.; Coed Volleyball Tournaments, Sack Races, Double Dutch Jump Rope Contests, and Pee Wee Obstacle Course.

March 29-31 - Friendship Baptist Church, 8:45 a.m. Youth Bible Study/Bible Bowl Practice, 10:30 a.m. Gospel Music-Instrument Workshop, 10:30 a.m. Arts and Crafts Classes, 4:30 p.m. Christian Drill Team Workshop, 6:30 p.m. Gospel Music-Singing Workshop.

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And the men, women, and even young folks in jails and prisons, paying the penalty of law violations. We pray that your guiding hand will be upon us to guide our feet through the deadly maze we must travel day by day.

We thank you, O Father for your love and grace.

Ms. Mary R. Bell and Mr. Wilford Sullivan of Selma, Alabama, were visitors at the Rocky Head MB Church, Elba, AL, last Sunday. They also visited in the home of Grover and Elba Belcher of Elba.

A Youth Crusade
Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, Enterprise, AL, Rev. Dr. N. L. Robinson, pastor, will hold a Youth Crusade March 27 - 31 and April 3, 1993.

Activities for the week will consist of: Sports Day, March 27 - Coppingville Jr. High School Softball Park, 8:45 a.m.; Coed Volleyball Tournaments, Sack Races, Double Dutch Jump Rope Contests, and Pee Wee Obstacle Course.

March 29-31 - Friendship Baptist Church, 8:45 a.m. Youth Bible Study/Bible Bowl Practice, 10:30 a.m. Gospel Music-Instrument Workshop, 10:30 a.m. Arts and Crafts Classes, 4:30 p.m. Christian Drill Team Workshop, 6:30 p.m. Gospel Music-Singing Workshop.

April 3 - 3:30 p.m. : Gospel "Show Day".

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ing any voting house anywhere." Flowers was given the authority to make any minor repairs needed to county voting houses. Averett was the lone commissioner opposing the action.

Annette Griswold, appearing before the commission on behalf of the Concerned Citizens of Coffee County group, urged commission members not to construct a regional landfill in Coffee County.

She also asked that the commission not sell the permit recently obtained by the commission allowing them to construct a Subtitle D regional landfill.

A resolution reflecting these requests was read to the commissioners and asked that it be entered into the official minutes of the meeting.

County Engineer Mark Pool told commissioners that a possibility exists that the requirement for the depositing of solid waste into a Subtitle D landfill might be delayed for 2 years.

An attempt was made by Commissioner Averett to have the question as to whether or not the county

would construct a landfill placed on the courthouse referendum should it take place. His motion died for lack of a second.

Other action taken by the commission was as follows:

***Meeting agenda policy changed. The deadline for being placed on the commission meeting's agenda is Wednesday noon prior to the commission meeting on Monday.

The commission meets on 2nd and 4th Monday of each month.

***Requests for bids to collect and dispose of the county's solid waste are to be sent out and returned by the next commission meeting.

Bids will be opened on Monday, March 22, at 9:00 a.m.

***Give the county engineer the authority to place certain surplus county equipment in the Geneva County's surplus equipment auction.

***Resolution commending Martin Motes for being selected as one of the state's most "Distinguished Farmers" was passed by the commission. He was recently inducted into the Auburn University Agricultural Alumni Association Hall of Honor.

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submitting them to the state for approval. He was also instructed to secure bids on the projects.

Bryant told board members that the bond renewal was now complete and the sign-off and closing date is scheduled for March 25.

The reissuing of the bonds at a lower interest rate will save the county school system between \$1 and \$1.1 million over the life of the debt.

The board gave its approval for the superintendent to proceed with developing a "professional development consortium" with other school systems.

***Board advised that 3 new buses were now in service and the county's fleet is in good shape.

***Spring holidays are scheduled for March 29 through April 2.

***Reviewed financial statement and found it to be in good condition.

Bryant contends that this could be very valuable in keeping personnel abreast of the advancements being made in the field of education.

He told board members that he had contacted 13 other school systems about forming such a group and 11 had responded favorably.

Other matters discussed were as follows:

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from outside sources. Pearce also told the three board members present of plans to ship some emergency equipment to Augusta County. The equipment will assist that system in efforts to resume classes in the gym and band room after suffering a complete loss of a high school in a recent pre-dawn fire.

Pearce noted other school systems rushed equipment and supplies to Elba in 1990 and some of this equipment is now unused and might help Autauga County. From a list of excess equipment sent to the superintendent of that system, a number of items were checked as needed to set up the classes. The main items Elba has the temporary school can

use are some portable chalkboards and room dividers. Also 200 student desks from Elba schools and from the Coffee County system will be shipped.

An arrangement has been worked out to deliver the equipment on a van supplied by Dorsey Trailers and a with tractor furnished by Williams Signs.

Dedication of the new school park had been planned for March. However construction and landscaping are not complete, plus many legislators and other government officials were having conflicts with available dates. Therefore the official dedication has been postponed until a date to be selected later.

NEW AMONG OUR SERVICE FOLKS

MARY D. COCHRAN

Army National Guard Pvt. Mary D. Cochran has completed basic training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, South Carolina.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

She is the daughter of Lomax and Ida Strickland of Rural Route 4, Elba, AL.

Her husband, Ken, is the son of Jimmy E. Cochran of Rural Route 4, Elba.

The private is a 1990 graduate of New Brockton High School.

CARY R. GOUGE

Pvt. Cary R. Gouge has completed basic training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, South Carolina.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

Gouge is the son of James L. and Faye D. Richardson of 414 Sparks St., New Brockton, AL.

He graduated from New Brockton High School in 1989.

The private is a 1990 graduate of New Brockton High School.

A. Z. STOUIMIRE

Army Spec. A. Z. Stoumire Jr. has arrived for duty at McNair Barracks, Berlin.

Stoumire, a combat signaler, is the son of A. Z. and Sara F. Stoumire of Rural Route 2, Elba, AL.

His wife, Gwendolyn, is the daughter of Woodrow and Jacqueline Doss of 3211 Wilmoth Court, Nashville, Tennessee.

The specialist is a 1988 graduate of Elba High School.

KRISTA L. DeBRUIN

Newly promoted Air Force Senior Airman Krista L. DeBruin has been named airman of the quarter at Whiteman Air Force Base, Knob Noster, Missouri.

Selection was based on the individual's exemplary duty performance, job knowledge, leadership qualities, significant self-improvement and other accomplishments.

DeBruin, a personnel specialist, is the daughter of Lois and Jimmy E. Cochran of New Brockton, AL.

Her husband, Richard, is the son of David and Deborah DeBruin of 2603 Fifth St., Winthrop Harbor, Illinois.

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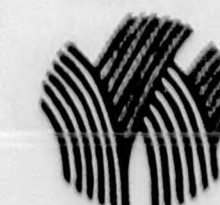
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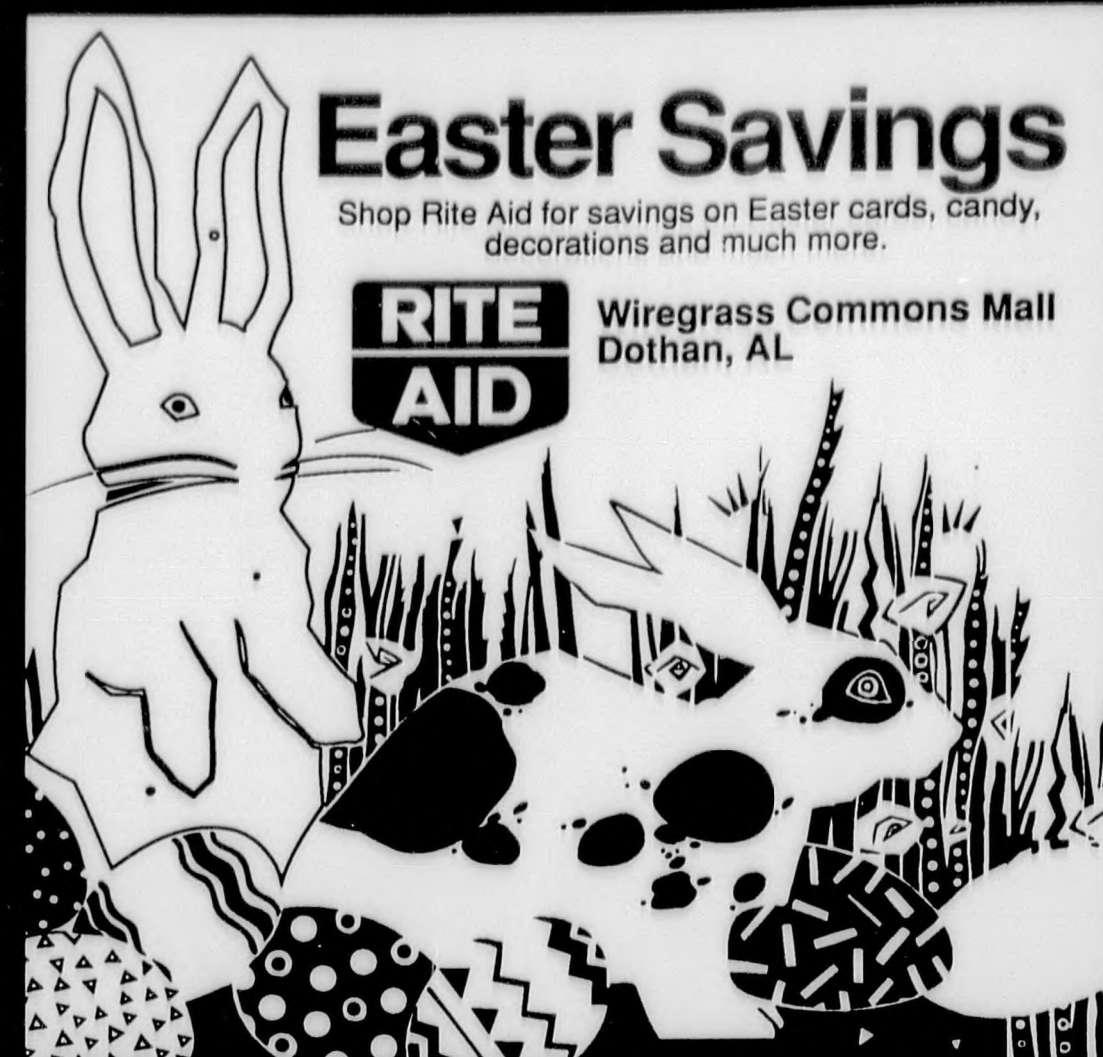
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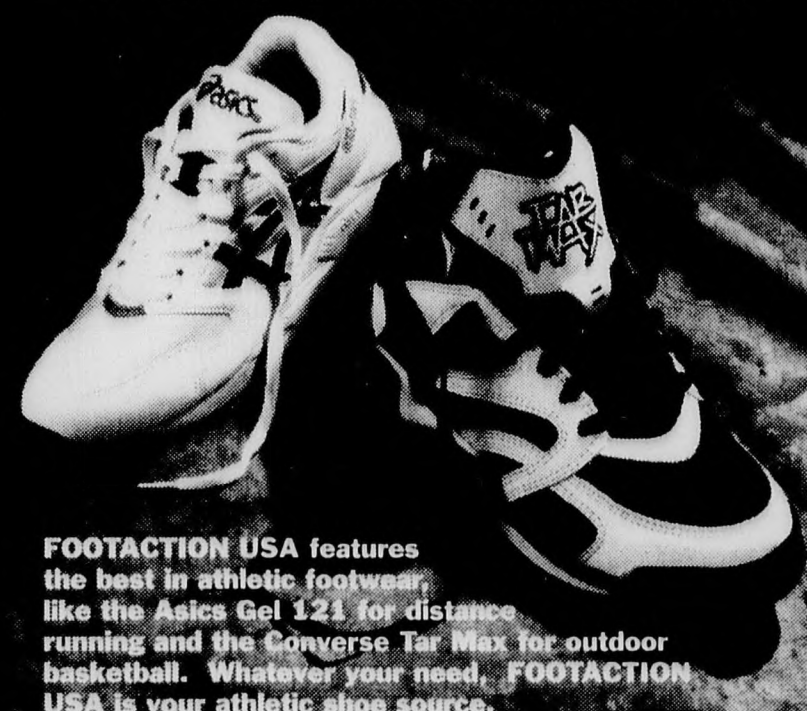
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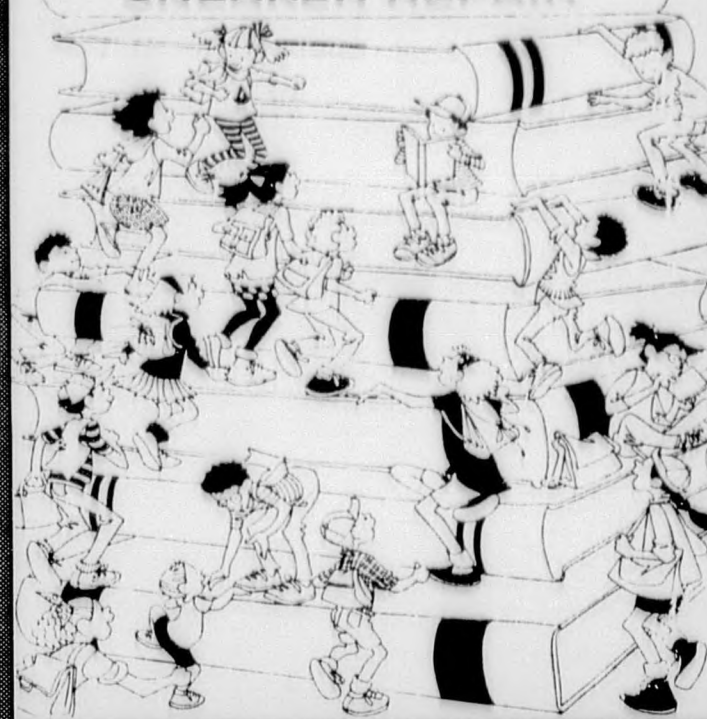
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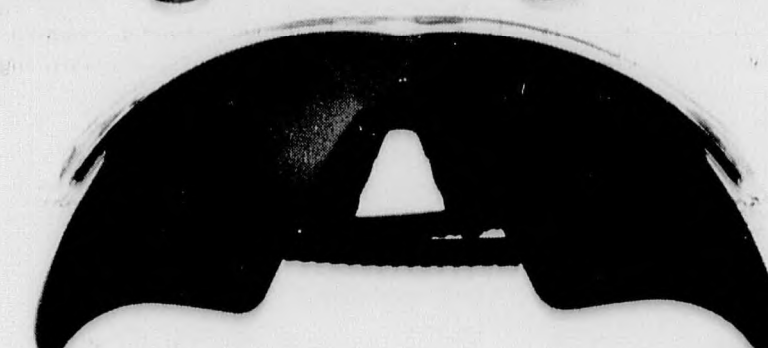


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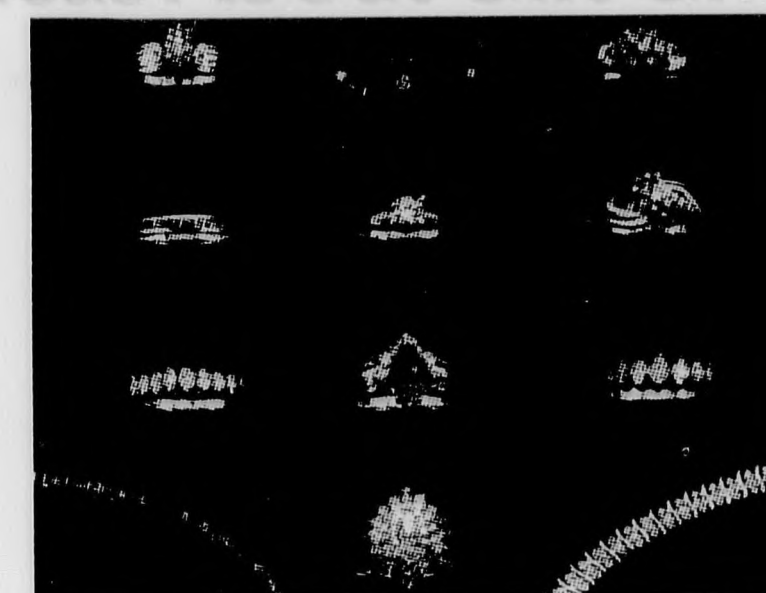
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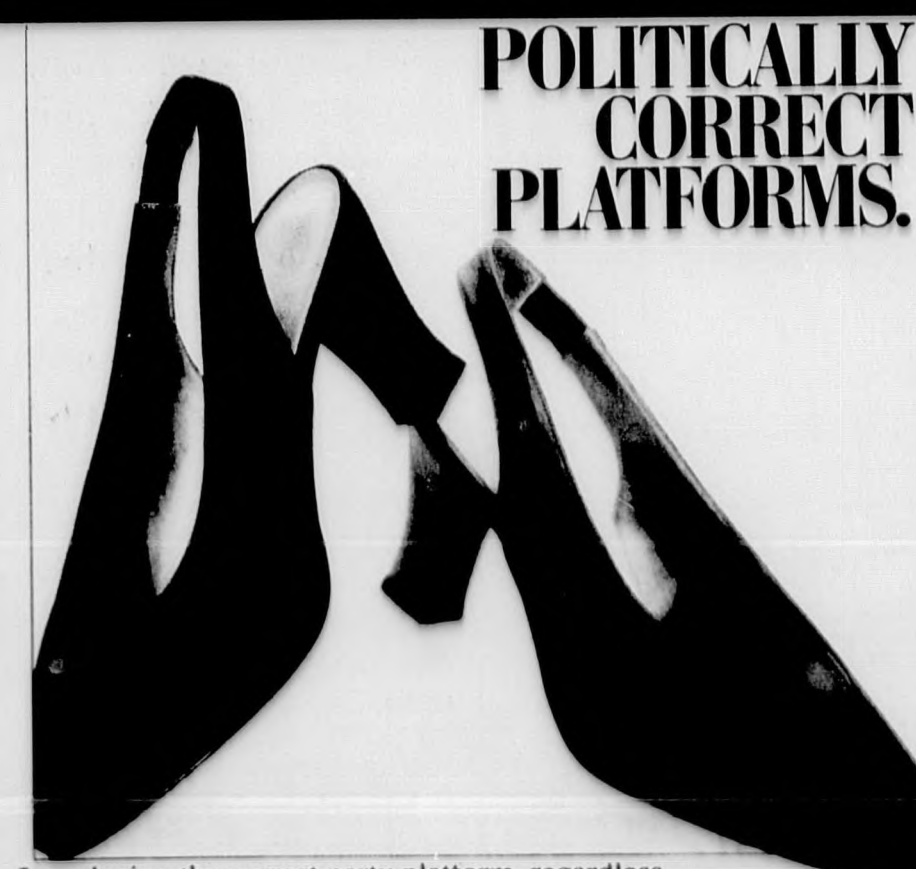
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Council approves Chief Parker's requests

by FERRIN COX
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The Elba City Council approved a request from Police Chief Jack Parker to purchase two new patrol cars. The council was shown quotes from both Cook Chevrolet and Dixie Ford. The quotes gave a price for straight purchase and lease/purchase. After discussing the matter and comparing prices the council members agreed to lease the vehicles and accepted Mayor Ricky Haywood's recommendation that one be leased from each local dealer.

However following the Thursday night meeting, City Clerk Jeff Goodson checked the legality of the action with an attorney with the League of Municipalities. The question was on the intent of the bid law, Goodson

said he had been told that as long as the lease payments didn't exceed \$5,000 a year, no bids were necessary. However wording in the bid law does not address this. It simply reads that if a purchase or lease exceeds \$5,000, sealed bids must be taken. Following the advice of the lawyer that "it would be safer to accept bids on the cars," Goodson said that is what will be done.

The city will be accepting bids on two new cars, equipped with a "police package."

Parker reported to the council that the department had received a total of 31 complaints. During this time 11 arrests were made. There were also six traffic citations issued, including two for DUI.

Parker was given permission to hire an additional police officer. He explained to council members that three officers would be out during the summer for National Guard Camp, summer vacations were coming up and overtime during football season was costly.

The council agreed to the additional officer if Parker and the city clerk could show enough reduction in overtime would keep the salary with-

in budget.

The city council tabled any action on passing a hunting ordinance. Council member Earl McCollough explained that the proposed "within 1000 feet of a home" in the proposed ordinance would prevent him from hunting on his own farm.

McCollough also cautioned against passing rules which countered state laws. He urged the council study the proposal longer before taking action. He correctly noted that hunting season is over until next fall and therefore there should be no rush.

Gary Brown was present and asked about the status on the old Board of Education building. He explained he had presented a proposal to purchase the property several weeks ago and was requesting an answer.

A proposal from Gerald Tucker was also read to the council. Tucker was proposing to convert the BOE building into craft shops and offices. Tucker said a small manufacturing firm was interested in moving into the old vocational building.

By accepting a request from Mayor Haywood to table any action until he could meet with members of the Industrial Board.

Citizen Mary Hooks discussed with the council a proposal to start a Head Start program in Elba. This would serve children from age three to five. The program would be partially federally funded and the balance from donations.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Johnson agreed with the need. They told the council of having to drive to New Brockton before day to insure their small children had adequate care while they were at work. "We the people have the power to push this and make it work," said Johnson.

"There is nothing more important than our children and we need to give them the proper training and stop these potential problems before they start," he added.

Monthly bills totaling \$124,772.81 were approved for payment. This included \$107,127 as the city's part of annual insurance premiums. \$65,627 of this amount is Workman's Comp and \$41,500 is general liability insurance. This left \$17,645.81 in regular bills.

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Garbage pick-up was again discussed. Council member Ronnie Jinnright has been outspoken in favor of Elba getting back into the garbage pick-up. He strongly feels Elba can do the job cheaper than a commercial firm.

However, he said he had an open mind. "I want what is best for the people of Elba," Jinnright said.

After a lengthy discussion, in which representatives of both West-Away and the present contractor ISS

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addressed the council, a motion passed to seek bids. The agreement was to get bids splitting the residential and commercial and with a combined bid as is presently being used.

The council approved a request from Operations Officer Henry Clark to pay the cost of employees who are required to secure commercial drivers licenses. This amounts to \$40 an employee. Any employee who leaves within one year must repay the expense.



SNOW STORM MARCH 1993... On March 17, 1990, the Elba Courthouse was surrounded by muddy flood water reaching almost to the second floor. Almost three years to the day, the Elba Courthouse was once again surrounded. But this time, it was by WHITE SNOW. Pictured above is what the courthouse looked like at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday morning of March 13, 1993.

Elba W&E Board approves \$75,000 in monthly bills

by FERRIN COX
Publisher

\$75,000 in monthly bills was enough to get the attention of anyone attending the monthly meeting of the Elba Water and Electric Board.

Chairman Mickey Murdock quickly assured listeners that a one-time insurance payment was responsible for \$50,000 of the accounts payable to Elba. This included the annual payment for all Workman's Comp, liability and general insurance of the utility.

Repairs on a water pump cost another \$5,000 and payments to auditors and attorneys cost \$5,000. Board members reviewed the financial report and Murdock noted accounts receivable totaled \$12,700 and 2 accounts made up over half of this total. He had explained in earlier meetings that court proceedings were involved in some of the late payments.

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the rate increase. However, board members urged employees to watch expenses closely.

Clark also requested the board pay the cost of employees getting their commercial drivers license. He said this would cost \$40 per employee.

The board approved the expenditure with Clark's recommendation that any employee who leaves within one year will repay this charge.

Electric superintendent Larry Galloway requested the board officially adopt the changes in the 1993 national electrical code. The board approved this action.

Galloway also reported the malfunctioning bucket truck had been repaired and is working fine.

Water Superintendent Dennis Coleman reported inspections were underway on fire plugs and at least 100 have already been inspected.

Load and copper testing has been completed and no water samples were above the compliance level.

Coleman also reported VOC testing (chemicals in well) also looked well and did the bacterial test.

A recent ADEM inspection on the wells and tanks turned up a problem with the tank at well #3 (Branley Highway). Coleman noted it was going to need work. A firm had offered to drain and flush the tank and conduct a complete inspection for \$980. The board agreed to the work being done.

The meeting closed with a short discussion of the lawsuit Mayor Ricky Haywood had filed against council members serving on the Board.

Board member Bill Brunson said he thought the matter should be addressed.

Chairman Mickey Murdock said he was ready to completely separate the utility and move everything away from city hall.

Elba High's bomb threat proves to be hoax

by Marvin McIlwain
Editor

On Tuesday, March 16, at approximately 1:00 p.m., the Elba police received a call from officials at Elba High School that a bomb threat type call had been received.

According to reports, a secretary in the high school's office took the call. The anonymous caller sounded like a female attempting to disguise her voice.

No description as to what type explosives were in the bomb or at what time it was set to explode was given by the caller. However, the caller said that it was located somewhere in the high school building.

As a precaution, school officials evacuated the building and notified the police.

The announcement was made to the students that a fire drill was being conducted and they exited the building in an orderly manner, according to school officials.

Elba police dispatched police officers, fire units, and rescue units to stand by at the school until a thorough search could be conducted.

An Explosive Ordinance Disposal



E.O.D. Teams enters Elba High School in search of a bomb

(EOD) Team was requested from Ft. Rucker and they arrived in Elba less than forty-five minutes to conduct the search.

Students were dismissed from school at approximately 2:20 p.m. and allowed to go home.

No explosives were located and the incident remains under investigation by the Elba Police Department.

Auburn to study county's employment plan

by Marvin McIlwain
Editor

The Center for Government Services at Auburn University has been contracted by the Coffee County Commission to study the county's employment system.

According to Glenn Long who is in charge of the study, the purpose will be to establish job descriptions and a pay scale for the county employees.

The county already has a personnel policy in place but the commission felt it was necessary to have a more refined program.

Commissioners want a plan customized to fit Coffee County's specific needs.

In a meeting with commissioners Monday, Long said, "We're going to tell it the way we see it."

He continued, "We're not here representing just the county commission, the employees, or the taxpayers - we're here to represent everyone."

When we finish, we feel that the county will have the best-tailored complete plan. The estimated cost of the plan.

According to Long, the study will take approximately six months to complete. The estimated cost of the plan.

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**** HAPPENINGS ****

POLICE CHIEF HEARING. Former Elba Police Chief Freddie Hanchey will have his long-awaited hearing with the City of Elba at 9:00 a.m. Friday, March 19. Reportedly, the hearing will be held at Elba City Hall and is open to the public.

NEW BROCKTON BAND DAY. The New Brockton Band Day Spring Festival will be held at the Farm Center Building on Saturday, March 20, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. For more information call Linda Creel or Angela Hughes at 894-6138 or 894-5596.

BENEFIT FUND ESTABLISHED. An account has been established at South Trust Bank to assist Charles Cox with medical bills. Due to preexisting medical conditions, Cox has been unable to acquire health insurance.

GRAND OPENING... Another new business officially opened its doors last Thursday morning with a ribbon cutting ceremony. The management and employees of Aabon, a home health care supply company, were joined by Elba Mayor Ricky Haywood, Miss Elba Danielle Tew, Junior Miss Elba Emily Crowe, Little Miss Elba Mary Katherine Head, members of the Chamber of Commerce, and other guests in celebrating their grand opening. Welcome to Elba AABON!